

REMARKS

Claims 2-5, 11, 12, 15 and 16 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response to the 35 USC 112, second paragraph, rejection, the claims have been amended in order to specify that the aqueous organic waste in the aeration tank is aerated in the presence of a biosludge comprising aerobic microorganisms to form an aerated aqueous suspension in which biosludge is grown from the aqueous organic waste and biosludge is lost from autolysis. With respect to Claims 11 and 12 reciting "recycling at least a portion of the separated sludge back to the aeration tank" as well as "recycling either the ozonized part of aerated aqueous suspension or the ozonized part of the separated sludge back to the aeration tank", as discussed in the present specification, this claim language accurately describes the presently claimed invention. In the present invention, aqueous suspension from the aeration tank can be subjected to ozonization. Additionally, part of the sludge separated by the solid/liquid separation unit can be subjected to ozonization. When the aqueous suspension in the aeration tank is subjected to ozonization, sludge separated by the solid/liquid separation unit is recycled back to the aeration tank. A part of the separated sludge can be ozonated and then recycled back to the aeration tank. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the currently presented claims are clearly cured of all 35 USC 112 problems, especially when interpreted in light of the specification. If the Examiner feels that there are any outstanding matters left to be resolved in the present application, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in order that they may be dealt with.

Respectfully submitted,



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